

## **GENITAL HERPES AND GENITAL WARTS**

GENITAL HERPES is an STI caused by two types of viruses, the HSV I and HSV II. In the USA about 1 in every 6 people aged 14 to 49 have genital herpes. The herpes virus can be transmitted by having oral, vaginal or anal sex with someone who has the disease. You can get herpes virus from an infected sex partner who may not have a visible sore or blister, or even know that he or she is infected. The virus can be released through your skin and spread to your partner. Herpes symptoms occur both in the male and female genital areas that are covered by a condom. However, outbreaks can occur in areas that are not covered by a condom, so condoms may not fully protect you from getting genital herpes.

GENITAL WARTS are small growths caused by a virus called Human Papillomavirus (HPV). These warts appear on, around or inside the sex organs of both men and women. They are spread during vaginal and anal sex. HPV can also be passed during oral sex. Some of the warts are small and look like tiny cauliflowers. On men they appear on the outside of the penis. On women they are found on and around the lips and opening of the vagina, also can be found in the vagina and on the cervix. Both men and women can have warts in the mouth and anus.

For further information or to get tested contact 940-761-7841.

